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A PERSONAL NOTE: Mail has been slow this past month. Some of you are still sending mail to my old address. Please note new address: Box 6, Orange, Ct 06477....Hope you all can relax a little this summer.

TITLES: MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER: Saved at Sea is really "Strange New World" and House Made for Murder is really "Change of Address."

IN MEMORIAM: It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of William Spier. He died May 30th at the age of 66. I had the privilege of talking with him on several occasions. He was a great help in compiling my Suspense log. His first major position was in 1929 with the Atwater-Kent radio hour which he produced and directed. In 1936 he directed the MARCH OF TIME. Mr. Spier was chief of the writers department and director of script for the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1940 when he was co-producer of SUSPENSE and DUFFY'S TAVERN. In 1947 he won a Mystery Writers of America award for THE ADVENTURES OF SAM SPADE. In 1952 Mr. Spier introduced the first 90-minute TV OMNIBUS show for CBS.

Athena Lorde, May 23, 57. Miss Lorde appeared regularly on such programs as FRONT PAGE FARRELL, LAND OF THE LOST, TWO ON A CLUE, YOUNG WIDDER BROWN, GANGBUSTERS....Vaughn Monroe, May 21, 61...Walter Greaza, 76. Mr. Greaza starred in CRIME DOCTOR and BIG TOWN. He was also on KATE SMITH.

PUBLICATIONS: Just received 5th issue of Radio Nostalgia featuring the Green Hornet. There are many articles about radio personalities of the past, many of them reprints from magazines of the 30's and 40's. It is very well put together and well worth the dollar. Write Virgil James, Box 8007, Union City, NJ 07087...Chuck Schaden was featured in a lengthy article in the Chicago Tribune on April 29, 1973. Chuck devotes his time to preparing 20 hours of time over WLTD, Evanston, Ill from his own collection of about 12,000. I know of no one else who devotes more time of this nature. Chuck and I started in this fascinating hobby together around the beginning of 1970. According to Chuck he has enough programs to broadcast until 1977 without duplication.

CATALOGS: Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol A, Westchester, Ill 60153; sup; 2 different versions of Campbell Playhouse, 12/24/39 (How could there be 2 different ones), new Fred Allen, excerpt from Painted Dreams, new Information Please, several Uncle Ezra...Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201; Sup; several new shows such as NO CRIME CLUES, VICKS HOUR, EASTER PARADE OF STARS, MERCURY WONDER SHOW, several ARCH OBOLER and several hours of Vaughn Monroe...Lars Allanson, 103B Poplar Dr, Delmar, NY 12054; 70 shows all on Ampex, single track...Fred Mc Fadden, RD4, Westernville Rd, Rome, NY 13440; variety. many early TV, interested in Judy Garland...Dave Siegel, 351 Amherst A, Ticonderoga, NY 12883; sup; new Columbia Workshop and Hall of Fantasy...Herbert Sadowsky, 105-25 65th A, Forest Hills, NY 11375; sup; great variety...George Fowler, 829 Carroll St, Brooklyn, NY 11215; Reels 205-259; Bill Stern, Weird Circle, Speed Gibson...Dr. Marvin Bensman, Memphis State Univ, Dept of Speech, Memphis, Ten 38111; 191 reels; trying to collect one complete show of every series plus documentaries, news, and special shows...When sending your catalog and you want something particular mentioned, let me know.

\$4.50 is due for another year

LOGS: EVERYTHING FOR THE BOYS: 1/18/44-6/13/44. Send SASE to Ray Stanich... I LOVE A MYSTERY: 10/3/49-12/26/52; send SASE to Marion Wedin, Box 5184, College Station, Tex 77840.

RAYMOND EDWARD JOHNSON and I had a very pleasant visit on Memorial Day. His weight has dropped from 237 to 178 and he is making remarkable progress... He sincerely appreciates the letters, gifts and money that have been sent. He still needs a reel tape recorder. Mr. Johnson has a cassette recorder, courtesy of Ed Corcoran. Jo Anne Verigan, Ray Stanich, Lori Palmer, Bill Smerekanicz, Ed Corcoran, Don Brush, The Radio Club of America in Boston and Dick Dodge have been especially helpful. Some material Mr. Johnson would like follows: 1. The home address of Rudy Vallee 2. Father Devine's address and any material of his 3. The script of the play, "The Patriots," on Broadway from 1942-43 4. The poem, Casey at the Bat 5. Collections of funny stories and stories with a good, well-written, positive outlook 6. A cassette copy of Radio Readers Digest, "Room for a Stranger." 7. Tapes of information on Mr. Mercury (I haven't seen any of these available)... Raymond Edward Johnson would very much appreciate letters from his fans. Write to him at Bldg 2, 6th Floor, Ward T-6, Rm 36, Veteran's Hospital, West Haven, Ct 06515

THE TAPE DECK: If you are interested in cartons to ship or store 16" transcription records write Charles Michelson, 45 W 45th St, New York, NY 10036. Each carton holds up to 20 discs and are 25¢ each, minimum order 50 cartons. Included free will be 2 16" discs of one of their radio programs... According to Howard Brenner, Scotch has revamped their entire line of tapes. 111 and 150 are replaced by a Highlander 228 and 229. Low noise/Dynarange 211 replaces 202/200; 212 replaces 203; 213 replaces 144/200; 214 replaces 290... Ed Peck reminds you that if you have the Sony 650 with interchangeable heads, you must readjust the bias oscillators when you switch head assemblies... Don Boates recommends the Compressor-Preamplifier, model ACP-1 for evening out volume fluctuation. Write Carrington Electronics, Box 327, Upland, Cal 91786

TAPE TIPS: If you don't finish dubbing a program when the tape runs out, splice on some tape, If you continue on another track it is very inconvenient to dub it for someone else. 2. A dehumidifier should be in your tape room. Excessive moisture can cause mildew 3. Be careful in writing the date for your Canadian friends. To them 6/10/73 means the 6th of October, 1973. It would be better to write it June 10/73.

MAILING: Starting July 6th, special 4th class rates will go up. First pound will be 16¢ (one tape). Each additional pound will be 8¢. For people who do a lot of mailing the following 2 booklets are helpful. One is the Postal Bulletin and the other is Instructions for Mailers. Send for both of them from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20401...

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: Tom Cole, Nostalgia in Miami, Jim Harmon, Richard Casciello, Wil Dufour, Dwight Lindley (memory Radio), Owens Pomery, Luther Sies, Cam Denencour, Robert Hutchison

NEW ADDRESS: Ernie Hack, Rt A-2, Rainbow Lakes Estates, Dunnellon, Fla 32630... Don Fisher, 210 A Monument Plaza, Bennington, Vt 05201... Rev C F Gilmore, 560 S Warren A, Springfield, Mo 65806... Norman Thode 215 Edgebrook Dr, Bloomingdale, Il 60108

NEW FRIENDS: Art Solz Jr, 1947 Garfield NE, Minneapolis, Minn 55418 ... Allan Walker, 5770 Freeport Blvd #8, Sacramento, Cal 95822... Lars Allanson. Lars collects programs and memorabilia... William Carr, Box

215, Chaumont, NY 13622...Ed Pippin, Rt 4, Box 390, Williamsburg, Va 23185. Ed is interested in Science fiction...Mike Cinquina, 7505 Montgomery Rd Apt 6, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236...R L Duane Duff, Box 502, Vauxhall, Alberta T0K 2K0...Ross Thomas, 1110-55 Maitland St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4X 1C9...Richard Lubbock, 25 St Mary St #2305, Toronto M4Y 1R2, Canada

OLD FRIENDS: Tom Chelstowski, 19 Carafa Ter, No Haven, Ct 06473 is looking for the first episode of Blondie...Robert Pettit, 872 West End Ave 4A, New York, NY 10025 is looking for tapes of BIG JON AND SPARKIE which originated in Cincinnati in 1948...Jack Burgess, Box 44, Wells, Minn 56097 is looking for 8 by 12 glossies of radio stars and some theater posters...Marion Wedin has lost some of his records and if anyone is owed tapes by him please let him know...Bob Proctor, due to personal problems, is unable to fulfill trading commitments at the present...Richard Dodge, 6815 Shiloh Ct, Stockton, Cal 95207 is looking for episodes of TERRY AND THE PIRATES. He has 10 now...Tom Brannan, Rt 1, Marietta, Okla 73448 is interested in MURDER AT MIDNIGHT, Leon Kelner remotes, Honey Boy and Sassafras, The Mills Brothers...George Miller, 9733 S 51st Ave, Oak Lawn, Ill 60453 has 6 AFRS discs of Your HIT PARADE. He is interested in trading for discs of Fred Allen, Amos and Andy, Suspense, Duffys Tavern, Benny and others. If anyone can help him on the AMOS AND ANDY log please write George...Pete Huckel, 19 Chapel Ln, Riverside, Ct 06878 would like to sell an Atwater Kent, Silvertone, Stromberg Carlson, all older than 1939, all work with cabinets in good condition. Pete will deliver within 60 miles.

LOST AND FOUND: Chuck McDonald, Box 92, Lakeland, Fla 33802 needs to finish some trades but has lost the addresses. If he owes you tapes let him know...

NEW PROGRAMS: In my collection: BOB ELSON, BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS, GREEN LAMA, I FLY ANYTHING, final JACK ARMSTRONG 15-minute episode, many new SUSPENSE 1943-44 Roma Wine, CBS including Bluebeard of Bel-lac, Dime a Dance and others...Not in my collection: several INNER SANCTUM FROM Richard Dodge. New HALL OF FANTASY is being broadcast over KEX in Portland and being dubbed by John Olsen, 2229 SE Pine St, Hillsboro, Ore 97123...Bob Vito and Stuart Weiss are selling many of the discs originally used by Charles Michelson. They are agents handling the discs for resale. Right now you can buy THE SEALED BOOK, \$5.00 per disc, \$130 for set of 26 shows. (Bob Vito, 1532 Ryder St, Brooklyn, NY 11234 and Stuart Weiss, 430 Ocean Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11218)

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WDEA, Ellsworth, Maine 1370AM and 95.7FM Mon-Fri Lum and Abner 9:15 AM and Fibber McGee on Sat...Hollywood Radio Theater with Rod Serling as host will make its debut on WRVR around July 9th-M-Fri at 8 pm...WBAU 90.3 FM at Adelphi Univ. has been reviving old radio dramas. You can hear them every Tues at 5:30PM...Starting Sunday, June 24th at 7:15PM many NBC network stations will be rebroadcasting X-1. Cort Parent mentioned that WNBC is not planning to carry it...WVNJ, AM; Devil and Mr. O, Sat. 7:30...

LATE MAIL AND TIDBITS: Tom Brannan, 18, introduced his fellow high school seniors to old time radio in Problems of Democracy. While they were very interested in hearing the excerpts of old programs, half of the class still favored television...Jim Laidler, 551 Mariposa Ave, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada...D E Rich, 61 Devon Rd, Beaconsfield, Quebec, Canada...Jerry Martin, Box 66053, Vancouver, BC, Canada...Prices for Capitol Tape from Len Lawson are 1800'-\$1.65 for 12 and \$1.53 for 48. 1200'-\$1.40 for 12 and \$1.28 for 48. These prices are for collectors only and include shipping and handling. Len also sells cardboard

mailers; 12 for \$3.25. Write to Len at 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550...Len also has a lending library for beginners and those with small collections. Write for details...Pat Murray, 1756 Washtenaw Rd, Ypsilanti, Mich 48197 is looking for a pinch roller for his Concord 776D tape deck. Concord doesn't make them any more...Russell Edwards, 519 Dieppe Blvd, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada...Westclox has come out with a timer with a sweep second hand and can be used to start programs within seconds of the desired time. It is under \$10100. ...To eliminate crosstalk make sure your machine has its sound-on-sound feature completely turned off...According to a recent article X-1 will be aired at 7:30 every 4th Sunday starting June 24th. WRVR is a possible outlet in New York...Ed Peck, 1033 Gypsum, Salina, Kan 67401 can offer the Soundcraftsmen Audio Equalizer, Model 20-12 for \$225.00. List is \$299.00. This is the best buy anywhere for the price. ..Ed is also looking for SF-68 "The Noon's Repose" of "The Wind" and complete copies of BBC SCIENCE FICTION "War of the Worlds," "Host Planet Earth," and "Journey into Space." By complete Ed means with open/close for each episode intact.

Sorry I am a little late. It is now Friday, Jun 15th. Please make my address change. This issue would have had a cover drawn by Bill Blalock but it got lost by accident. Bill will be supplying the covers from now on. Keep the news coming in. I heard that the dinner honoring C E Morse was a success. More details on that next month. Have a good summer.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs.

Jay Hickerson, Box c, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261

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